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TAGS: PFOR MARR VN NL NATO

SUBJECT: ITALIAN RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIET- NAM

REFERENCE: ROME 2044

1. BOTH FONOFF SEC GEN GAJA AND DIRE GEN POLITICAL AFFAIRS  
DUCCI HAVE GIVEN US IDENTICAL REPORTS AS THOSE FROM  
OTHER EC CAPITALS CONCERNING DISCUSSIONS ON ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIET- NAM AT  
EC MINISTERIAL MEETING MARCH 16.

2. DUCCI INFORMED US MARCH 20 THAT ITALIAN AMBASSADOR  
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IN PEKING ( WHERE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TELL NORTH- VIET- NAMESE THAT THERE WILL BE A DELAY IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT AS FONMIN MEDICI IS IN YUGOSLAVIA ON OFFICIAL VISIT. DUCCI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TIMING WOULD BE DECIDED FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH HANOI BUT HE IMPLIED THAT SOME DECISION WOULD BE MADE SHORTLY AFTER MEDICI RETURNS TO ROME TONIGHT.

3. DUCCI MADE NO MENTION THAT THE ITALIANS HAD ASKED FOR ANY CONFIRMATION FROM ICCS CONCERNING US REPORTS ON NORTH VIET- NAM VIOLATIONS. WE ASKED DUCCI TO INFORM US IN ADVANCE WHEN ITALIAN STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE. HE TOOK NOTE OF THIS, REQUEST BUT SAID HE COULD MAKE NO PROMISE PENDING THE MINISTER' S RETURN. VOLPE

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